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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy and smoky	Partly sunny and smoky	Dimmed sunshine, warm and smoky	Hazy sun	Partly sunny and very warm

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 90° 57° 90° 58° 93° 61° 97° 62° 97° 65°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 94° 58° 93° 54° 96° 57° 99° 62° 101° 65°

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PENDLETON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 96°	69°
Normals 87°	58°
Records 108° (1933)	39° (1909)

PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
 Month to date Trace
 Normal month to date 0.21"
 Year to date 6.49"
 Last year to date 11.37"
 Normal year to date 8.16"

HERMISTON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

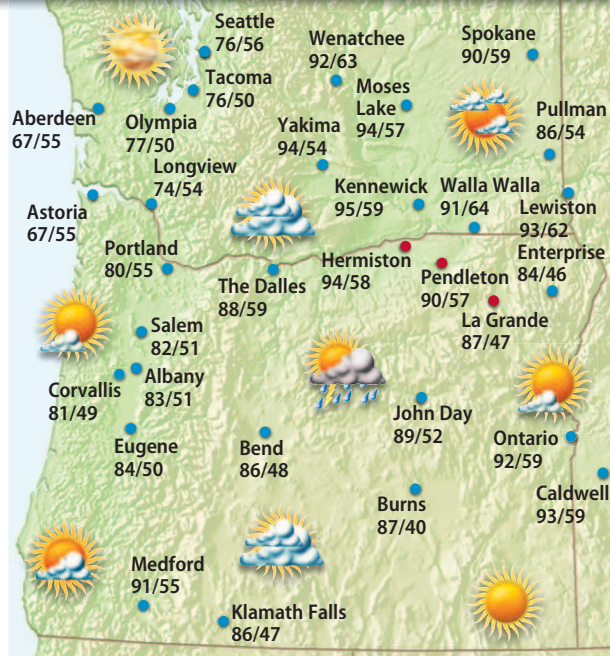
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 96°	70°
Normals 88°	58°
Records 105° (2008)	40° (1935)

PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.00"
 Normal month to date 0.10"
 Year to date 5.10"
 Last year to date 6.65"
 Normal year to date 6.02"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:00 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:17 p.m.
Moonset today	11:43 p.m.

First Full Last New
 Aug 18 Aug 26 Sep 2 Sep 9



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Sunshine in central parts today; clouds and sun across the north. Clouds, then sun in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny and smoky today. A t-storm in spots in central parts; mostly cloudy across the north.

Western Washington: Hazy sunshine today; smoky. Mainly clear tonight; smoky. Hazy sunshine tomorrow; smoky.

Eastern Washington: Hazy sunshine and smoky today. Clear tonight. Hazy sunshine tomorrow.

Cascades: Smoky today. Cloudy to partly sunny in central parts; hazy sun elsewhere.

Northern California: Clouds, then sun at the coast today; hazy in central parts. Sunny in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	67	55	pc	68	55	c
Baker City	86	45	c	89	44	pc
Bend	86	48	pc	89	50	pc
Brookings	70	55	pc	69	54	pc
Burns	87	40	s	88	42	s
Enterprise	84	46	t	86	49	pc
Eugene	84	50	pc	88	52	pc
Hepner	89	56	pc	88	56	pc
Hermiston	94	58	pc	93	54	pc
John Day	89	52	pc	90	53	s
Klamath Falls	86	47	pc	89	49	pc
La Grande	87	47	pc	88	47	pc
Meacham	85	45	t	86	46	pc
Medford	91	55	pc	95	58	pc
Newport	62	52	s	63	53	pc
North Bend	66	53	s	66	54	s
Ontario	92	59	s	92	56	s
Pasco	94	56	pc	93	52	s
Pendleton	90	57	c	90	58	pc
Portland	80	55	pc	84	57	pc
Redmond	88	43	pc	89	46	pc
Salem	82	51	pc	87	54	pc
Spokane	90	59	pc	88	60	pc
Ukiah	85	43	pc	86	46	pc
Vancouver	79	54	pc	84	55	pc
Walla Walla	91	64	c	91	62	s
Yakima	94	54	pc	92	56	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	89	73	pc	85	72	c
Hong Kong	89	80	t	89	81	t
Jerusalem	85	68	s	84	68	s
London	72	57	pc	74	61	pc
Mexico City	75	54	t	75	55	pc
Moscow	72	51	s	74	53	s
Paris	76	53	pc	77	56	s
Rome	84	69	t	85	69	s
Seoul	91	71	pc	89	74	pc
Sydney	66	48	s	72	48	s
Tokyo	85	67	pc	82	70	s

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	WSW 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 7-14	W 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

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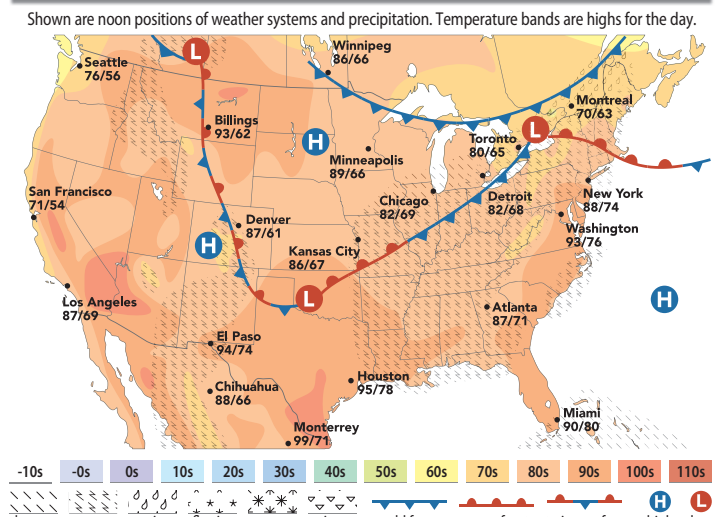
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Drenching showers and locally gusty thunderstorms will extend from the upper Gulf coast to the Canada border in the East today. A swath of locally gusty storms is also in store over the Rockies and deserts.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 105° in Thermal, Calif. **Low** 28° in West Yellowstone, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	87	67	t	90	66	t	Louisville	84	72	t	85	71	t
Atlanta	87	71	t	83	71	t	Memphis	89	74	t	88	74	t
Baltimore	92	73	pc	87	73	t	Miami	90	80	sh	90	79	pc
Birmingham	89	74	t	86	73	t	Milwaukee	80	68	pc	80	65	s
Boise	92	61	pc	91	60	s	Minneapolis	89	66	s	88	69	s
Boston	82	74	pc	82	65	pc	Nashville	87	73	t	87	71	t
Charlotte, SC	90	75	t	90	75	t	New Orleans	89	78	t	89	78	t
Charlotte, WV	83	68	t	80	67	t	New York City	88	74	t	84	68	pc
Chicago	82	69	sh	84	67	pc	Oklahoma City	91	69	pc	87	70	pc
Cleveland	83	69	t	81	64	pc	Omaha	86	66	pc	88	69	s
Dallas	96	78	pc	94	78	pc	Philadelphia	92	76	t	86	72	c
Denver	87	61	pc	83	56	t	Phoenix	102	85	c	106	84	s
Detroit	82	68	t	84	65	pc	Portland, ME	74	67	c	76	61	sh
El Paso	94	74	pc	94	74	t	Providence	89	72	pc	86	65	t
Fairbanks	62	48	c	67	45	pc	Raleigh	93	75	pc	89	71	t
Fargo	88	59	s	90	64	pc	Rapid City	84	59	pc	82	58	t
Honolulu	91	79	pc	90	78	pc	Reno	94	58	s	96	60	s
Houston	95	78	pc	95	78	pc	Sacramento	94	57	pc	98	57	pc
Indianapolis	83	69	t	84	66	c	Salt Lake City	86	71	t	88	71	c
Jacksonville	90	74	pc	92	72	t	San Diego	82	74	pc	82	72	pc
Kansas City	86	67	pc	88	69	pc	San Francisco	71	54	pc	74	54	pc
Las Vegas	101	84	s	106	85	s	Seattle	76	56	pc	80	57	pc
Little Rock	89	72	t	90	73	pc	Tucson	97	75	pc	99	75	pc
Los Angeles	87	69	pc	88	68	s	Washington, DC	93	76	t	89	74	t
							Wichita	90	68	pc	91	71	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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U.S. vows to work more closely with states to fight wildfires

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WASHINGTON — As wildfires choke California and other Western states, the Trump administration pledged Thursday to work more closely with state and local officials to prevent wildfires from ever starting.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the Forest Service and other agencies will step up efforts to cut down small trees and underbrush and set controlled fires to remove trees that serve as fuel for catastrophic blazes, including a series of deadly fires that have spread through drought-parched forests and rural communities in California.

Six firefighters have died in those wildfires.

Perdue, who toured the California fires this week, said they were "stark reminders of the immense forest-fire health crisis in this country, and the urgent need to dramatically increase our preventative forest treatments."

While officials have boosted forest management efforts in recent years, more needs to be done, Perdue said.

"To truly protect our forests, we must increase the number and the size of our (prevention) projects across the local landscape and across boundaries, and frankly we can't do this by ourselves," Perdue said at a news conference at the Capitol.

Perdue pledged a "shared stewardship" approach in which the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies work with state, local and tribal officials to



AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite
Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., left, and Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., attend a news conference with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to discuss ways to improve the health of the forests and how to reduce wildfires, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018.

fight and prevent wildfires.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, meanwhile, said national forests have suffered from "gross mismanagement" for decades.

"The fuel loads are up. The density of our forests is historical. We have dead and dying timber," Zinke said at a Cabinet meeting at the White House.

"This is unacceptable that year after year we're watching our forests burn, our habitat destroyed and our communities devastated," Zinke added. "And it is absolutely preventable. Public lands are for everybody to enjoy and not just held hostage by these special-interest groups."

Zinke has long complained that environmental "extremists" make it difficult for trees to be logged to reduce fire risk.

"Whether you're a global warmist advocate or denier, it doesn't make a difference when

you have rotting timber, when housing prices are going up ... yet we are wasting billions of board feet" of timber that could go to local lumber mills, he said.

The focus on wildfire comes as California and other states face longer and more destructive wildfire seasons because of drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change and homes built deeper into forests.

Yosemite National Park's scenic valley in Northern California reopened Tuesday after a 20-day, smoked-forced closure, and hundreds of people were evacuated from Glacier National Park in Montana after a wildfire destroyed at least nine homes and cabins in one of the park's historic districts.

In Washington state, meanwhile, officials have distributed masks to combat unhealthy air filled with smoke from wildfires that have blanketed the Northwest.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said the current crisis underscores the importance of preventing wildfires. "It is unacceptable to me to have Northwest seniors and young people being afraid to open their doors in the morning because they are afraid of smoke," he said.

Longer and hotter wildfire seasons are the "new normal," said Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., "and we have to meet it with a very, very aggressive response" that includes drones, satellites and other technology.

Not all efforts will be popular, Cantwell said, noting that some Seattle-area residents opposed controlled burns this spring because they feared the smoke.

"I guarantee you now, Seattle would definitely take a little bit of smoke instead of the eventual, all-summer-long smoke that we're getting," she said.

Perdue and other officials said the focus on prevention could save money, noting that federal wildfire costs approached a record \$3 billion last year. "There's no quick fix," Perdue said, but increased collaboration could eventually save money or at least "get more done with the same costs."

Congress earlier this year created a wildfire disaster fund to help combat increasingly severe wildfires. The law sets aside more than \$20 billion over eight years to allow the Forest Service and other federal agencies to end a practice of raiding non-fire-related accounts to cover wildfire costs.

The plan takes effect in October 2019.

BRIEFLY

Medford airport sees more than 100,000 passengers in July

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport is coming off of its biggest month ever.

The *Mail Tribune* reports the Medford airport soared to an all-time monthly high of 105,954 passengers last month, a 17.8 percent jump over July 2017's 89,948 figure.

Ashland-based travel writer Ed Perkins credits the passenger boom to a growing economy and a growing population in the area. He also credits the fact the airport is a four- or five-hour drive from a better airport.

To put the past two months in perspective, for all of 1982, the Medford airport saw 167,087 passengers. More than 200,000 have flown in and out of the Rogue Valley this June and July. July's figure was more than double the July 2004 mark of 51,028.

State agency has made no decision on killing wolves

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The state of Washington has not made a decision on whether it will kill members of a wolf pack that have been preying on cattle.

Members of the Togo pack are suspected of attacking five head of cattle in the past 10 months in the northeast corner of Washington.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is gathering more information about the incidents, which began last November.

The *Spokesman-Review* reports the state's policy allows killing wolves if they prey on livestock three times in a 30-day period or four times in a 10-month period. That policy was developed in 2016 by the agency and its Wolf Advisory Group, which represents environmentalists, hunters and ranchers.

In the latest depredation, a cow was killed Aug. 8 while grazing near Danville, Washington.

Corrections

Two photo captions were inadvertently swapped on the article "Old buildings get new lives" published Wednesday. The building with trees in front of it is the Hermiston Irrigation District building, and the building with a green stripe is located on Hermiston Avenue. The *East Oregonian* sincerely regrets the error.

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